

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 31ST FIGHTER WING (USAFE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR PERSONNEL ARRIVING/RETURNING/DIRECTED TO ROM AT AVIANO AIR BASE

FROM: 31 FW/CC

SUBJECT: Restriction of Movement (ROM) for Personnel Arriving/Returning to Aviano Air Base

- 1. In order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect Wyvern Nation's Mission, Airmen, Families, Italian partners, and local communities, I am issuing the following order in accordance with my authority as the 31st Fighter Wing Commander.
- 2. <u>PERSONS SUBJECT TO ROM</u>: This memo applies to all personnel¹ arriving or returning to Aviano AB who are subject to ROM as defined in the ROM Flow Chart found at https://www.aviano.af.mil/Site-Pages/COVID-19-Coronavirus/Italian-Travel-Restrictions/. Exceptions can be found in the same location.

3. PROCEDURES BEFORE AND IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL:

- a. Prior to arrival, members subject to ROM will coordinate with their chain of command to determine a location where they will complete the ROM. Personnel subject to a ROM will provide their information on the 31 FW ROM Tracker Sharepoint at: https://portal.usafe.af.mil/sites/Aviano3/Lists/ROM%20Tracker/AllItems.aspx. If personnel are unable to complete a sharepoint entry within 24 hours of arrival, unit POCs will be responsible for completing one entry for each traveler.
- b. Personnel serving a ROM will proceed directly to the ROM location after arriving in Italy and remain there for 14 consecutive days unless otherwise directed by the appropriate authority listed.
- c. Personnel who were not able to obtain a COVID-19 test prior to travel (see above ROM Flow Chart) will obtain a test through the 31 MDG. When completing a new entry on the 31 FW ROM Tracker Sharepoint, individuals who were unable to obtain a COVID-19 test must answer "no" to the question "tested prior to arrival?" They must also provide a working contact number, such as their lodging room's DSN. The 31 MDG will contact the individual to schedule a test. These tests are mandatory appointments for active duty members.

4. RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT:

- a. After arrival, personnel may not leave their designated ROM location, except for the following reasons:
 - (1) Emergency.³ (In case of emergency, call 0434301911 on base or 112 off base).
- (2) If lodged on base, to provide relief to pets, while remaining within 50 meters of the designated ROM location, wearing a face covering, and strictly adhering to the appropriate physical distance of no less than six feet.
- b. If a ROM location includes a private enclosed yard accessible only to cohabitating individuals, then the private yard is considered part of the ROM location.

¹ "Personnel" includes all military personnel (Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve), Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel, contractors, and sponsored dependents.

² Civilians, contractors, and dependents are to apply host nation ROM (quarantine and isolation) requirements in all cases. Personnel may verify they have satisfied host nation law and ROM requirements with 31st Medical Group's Public Health flight and the 31st Fighter Wing's Legal Office.

³ Emergency includes a serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation (for example, risk to / loss of life, limb, eyesight, or other medical emergency) requiring immediate action or an urgent need for assistance or relief.

- c. Personnel serving a ROM on Aviano Air Base are restricted to the lodging or dormitory <u>room</u> designated for the ROM, except for the reasons stated in paragraph 4.a. above. Additionally, if the dormitory room contains shared areas, <u>only one person is allowed in a shared area at any time</u>. When in a shared area of a dormitory room, personnel undergoing ROM will also wear a face covering at all times, frequently sanitize their hands, and sanitize surfaces in the common space after each use.
- d. Members serving a ROM off Aviano Air Base in any multi-resident facility, such as an apartment or condominium, are restricted to the <u>unit</u> designated for the ROM (for example, "Apartment 131B"), except for the reasons stated in paragraph 4.a. above.
- e. If at any time prior to or after arrival in Italy, personnel need to change their designated ROM location out of necessity, they must contact the 31st Public Health Flight and commander or first sergeant to coordinate the request and obtain authority to relocate.
- 5. <u>FAMILY MEMBERS AND COHABITANTS:</u> If a member of a cohabitating unit is placed on ROM, all members within that cohabitating unit are also directed to complete a 14-day <u>modified ROM</u>, in which the individuals on the modified ROM will only travel to obtain sustenance; visit a pharmacy or obtain pharmaceutical items; or to attend work, school, and medical appointments. Alternatively, Squadron Commanders may adjust duty requirements to enable members to undergo a full ROM with his or her family or cohabitants. If personnel are granted permission to complete a full ROM with a member of their household or cohabitating unit, they will be subject to the requirements in this order. Commanders are responsible for ensuring applicable personnel receive this order. Members that have been fully vaccinated (2nd vaccine dose) for 14-days or more are automatically exempt from the requirements of this paragraph.
- 6. <u>QUALITY OF LIFE PROVISIONS</u>: Squadron commanders are responsible for assigning a sponsor to personnel under their command subject to a ROM and ensuring those personnel and their dependents have a means of communication and adequate provisions for food and other necessities during the ROM.
- 7. <u>REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTION</u>: Exceptions to the above requirements may be granted on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the directions provided on the ROM Flow Chart (see link at paragraph 2 above). Requests must be made through the military member's chain of command using the attached memorandum.
- 8. This order is effective immediately, and it rescinds and replaces the previous order, titled "Restriction of Movement (ROM) for Personnel Arriving/Returning to Aviano Air Base," dated 31 August 2020. This order applies to all personnel, including United States military, civilian, and contract personnel, as well as their sponsored dependents. The provisions listed in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of this order may be enforced under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, for military members. Civilians may be subject to other administrative action. While no subordinate authority may put in place measures less restrictive than those provided in this order, squadron and higher level commanders may, in accordance with applicable legal authority, enact more restrictive measures to protect the health and welfare of their units against the spread of COVID-19. This order will remain in effect until rescinded in writing.

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Attachment: Request for ROM Exemption